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INDIAN COUNTRY INDICTMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Dorothy L. Fulton, Chief of Criminal Investigations, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, announced today that a federal grand jury has returned indictments against the following individuals:

CURTIS SLOAN, 60+, of Tuba City, Arizona, has been charged with one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse which carries a maximum penalty of up to life imprisonment. **SLOAN** was indicted on January 12, 2000.

HARRISON SHIRLEY, 23, of Sawmill, Arizona, is charged with one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse with Children which carries a maximum penalty of up to life imprisonment and one count of Abusive Sexual Contact which carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment. The defendant was indicted on January 12, 2000.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation in these cases was conducted by the Navajo Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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